

BANKS OF PETERSBURG SHOW GREAT INCREASE

Healthy Growth of Financial Institutions Is Disclosed by Survey. FIGURES ARE SURPRISING

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., May 21.—Representatives of the Bureau of Applied Economics, of Washington, who are engaged in making a survey of the banking conditions in the city, and with the assistance of Cashier Wallace D. Blanks, of the American Bank and Trust Company, have made public interesting facts as to the increase and growth of the banking business. A comparative table prepared by Mr. Blanks shows that while Petersburg's total bank resources amounted to less than \$9,000,000 in March, 1914, to-day they are nearly \$12,000,000, an increase in two years of about 33 per cent. The resources of the four Petersburg banks together represented 3.5 per cent of the banking strength of the State; to-day they represent 4.5 per cent. The deposits in the Petersburg banks in 1914 amounted to \$6,100,000; to-day they exceed \$8,000,000, an increase of 33 per cent. Many other details as to the growth and progress of the Petersburg banks in the last two years are given in the table.

Along with the investigation of the banking situation, the Bureau of Applied Economics has obtained from Postmaster R. P. Barham a statement showing the increase in the business of the post-office during the past two years. During the year ending March 31, 1915, the total deposits in the postal saving department of the post-office amounted to only \$8,710, with withdrawal of \$1,825. During the past year the deposits jumped to \$18,135, an increase of 1,588 per cent. Statistics as to the value of business passing through the office will be given out as soon as a table can be prepared.

A partial statement of the building census of the city was given out a few days ago, and showed a wonderful increase in the number and value of building improvements during the past twelve months.

Meeting of Episcopal Council.
The Episcopal Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia will meet in annual session in Staunton on May 30, assisted by Bishop Randolph presiding, assisted by Bishop of the Diocese of Tucker. The churches in Petersburg and the representatives in the council by their rectors and regularly elected delegates.

Assignment at Hopewell.
The Seay-Whitcomb Co., delicatessen dealers, have made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors. Liabilities are placed at between \$2,500 and \$3,500. The creditors are principally in Richmond and Petersburg, with the Petersburg creditors being: B. D. Booth & Co., \$339; D. Alton & Co., \$162; and the National Discount Company.

Death of a Stranger.
T. M. McCarthy, a well-dressed man of good appearance, aged about forty-five years, died last night at the City hospital of pneumonia. He was taken to the hospital about one week ago. Papers in his pocket show that he has a sister at Big Stone Gap, Va., and a brother, D. P. McCarthy, at Lebanon, Ky. Both of whom have been notified. The body is being held, subject to instructions from relatives.

Heavy Robbery.
A thief gained entrance last night to George Wright's boarding house, next to the Elks' Home, in West Tabb Street, and succeeded in gathering and carrying away booty of much value. Entrance is believed to have been gained through the front door. The thief went through the rooms of the various occupants and secured \$70 in money, two watches and a diamond pin. He left no trace, and the police are working on the case at a disadvantage.

Woman Hadly Cut.
Lillie Mackain, colored, was assaulted last night by a negro. Corridors of the hotel where she was staying were patrolled by a police officer. She was taken to the hospital. The affair occurred in Peachmont, and was the result of a jealous grudge. Young made his escape.

New Notes of Interest.
The children of St. Joseph's Catholic Church this afternoon marched from their school to the church carrying banners of the Children of Mary Society. The exercises in the church were interesting.

Rev. James A. McClure, of Second Presbyterian Church, went to Accomac County yesterday to preach the baccalaureate sermon to-day for the Cheriton High School.

In the Prince George County Court on Saturday three indictments were reported, all of which were against Officer Phillips, of Hopewell, and all for assault and battery.

George Robertson, colored, aged about forty years, was found dead in bed this morning at his home in Baker's Lane. His wife went out Saturday to spend the night, and the man was alone when he died.

Detective J. J. Heelan, armed with a revolver, left this morning for the State Prison, N. J., for Cornelius Dismar, a white man, under arrest there and wanted here for the theft of a \$500 diamond ring, the property of Sol Sacks, of this city.

William Goode, colored, was struck by a car on the Ferndale Park line late last night and severely wounded about the head. He was taken to the hospital for treatment.

LABOR DEPARTMENT TO HAVE HANDSOME NEW BUILDING

Contracts Awarded for Nine-Story Structure on C Street Opposite Present Mills Building Quarters.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Contracts have been awarded for the construction of a thoroughly modern office building for the Department of Labor, and preliminary work is to be started in the immediate future. Building now occupying the site on to be razed and excavation work begun at once. It is understood.

The new home of the Department of Labor is to include many features not often found in even the most modern office buildings. Commodious rest rooms for men and women employees and a roof garden, are among these features, which also include the probability of a safe and restaurant for the use of employees of the department. Plans are now being completed by Mulburn & Heister, of this city, with the co-operation of officials of the department.

A new building is to occupy a site 22x101 feet on the south side of G Street, just west of the corner of Seventeenth Street, opposite the department building.

To-Day and To-Night in Richmond

Council Committee on Streets, City Hall, 5 o'clock.
Board of Aldermen, City Hall, 8 o'clock.
Council Committee on Finance, City Hall, 8 o'clock.
Academy—Price Players, in "The Woman in the Case," 8:30.
Lyric—Popular vaudeville; matinee, 3; night, 7:30 and 9.

The Weather

(Furnished by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Monday except showers extreme west portion; Tuesday showers.

Local Temperature.
12 noon temperature, 66
3 P. M. temperature, 72
Maximum temperature to 8 P. M., 73
Minimum temperature to 8 P. M., 63
Normal temperature, 66
Normal temperature, 66
Deficiency in temperature, 3
Deficiency in temperature since March, 71
Accumulator excess since January 1, 74

Local Rainfall.
Rainfall last twenty-four hours, .None
Deficiency in rainfall since March, 1.63
Deficiency in rainfall since January 1, 5.67

Local Barometer Readings.
S. A. M., 30.18
S. P. M., 30.12

Local Observation at S. P. M. Yesterday.
Temperature, 62; humidity, 67; wind, direction, east; wind, velocity, 8 miles; weather, clear.

General Weather Conditions.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—The winds along the North Atlantic coast will be gentle to moderate variable, becoming southeast, on the Middle and South Atlantic coast moderate east and south-east; on the East Gulf coast moderate to fresh southerly; on the West Gulf coast moderate southerly; on the Upper Lakes strong easterly Monday. It will be somewhat warmer in the Atlantic States, but in the interior temperatures will not change decidedly.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place	S. P. M.	High	Low	Weather
Asheville	74	80	70	Cloudy
Atlanta	89	84	62	Cloudy
Baltimore	62	68	52	P. cloudy
Boston	56	63	48	Clear
Buffalo	60	66	50	Cloudy
Charlotte	74	82	68	Clear
Chicago	58	66	50	Cloudy
Denver	68	74	58	Rain
Duluth	46	48	38	Rain
El Paso	68	80	68	Rain
Hatteras	60	72	64	Clear
Havre	56	64	48	P. cloudy
Jacksonville	74	82	70	Cloudy
Kansas City	74	82	68	Clear
Laurens	74	82	68	Cloudy
Montgomery	80	88	68	Rain
New Orleans	78	82	74	Cloudy
New York	65	70	58	Clear
Norfolk	62	68	52	Clear
Oklahoma	80	82	68	Clear
Pittsburgh	68	70	60	Clear
Raleigh	70	78	60	P. cloudy
St. Louis	62	68	52	Cloudy
St. Paul	50	52	40	Rain
San Francisco	60	62	50	Clear
Savannah	72	84	68	Cloudy
Spokane	56	58	48	P. cloudy
Tampa	82	86	72	Cloudy
Washington	66	70	60	Clear
Winnipeg	56	72	48	Rain
Wytheville	66	74	46	Cloudy

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

May 22, 1916.
Sun rises.....4:57 Morning.....9:06
Sun sets.....7:16 Evening.....9:51

ment's present home in the Mills Building. Two dwellings, two old buildings that have stood since before the Civil War—one of which has been occupied as a branch of the Associated Charities—and a marble yard and ornamental cement works now occupy the site.

The building is to be nine stories in height, and the arrangement is to be such as to provide ample light and ventilation on all sides. Special attention is being given to the preparation of the plans to provisions for the comfort and health of employees of the department, and it is claimed that the new building, when completed, will be a model among buildings devoted to the use of government departments.

Materials to be used are buff brick and stone trim, the general style of the new building to be somewhat similar to that of the building occupied by the Department of Commerce at Nineteenth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. Interior plans and arrangements, however, are to be entirely different, it is stated.

TO MEET IN MEMPHIS

Jobbers and Manufacturers From All Parts of South Gather for Annual Convention.

MEMPHIS, TENN., May 21.—Jobbers and manufacturers from all parts of the South are expected to attend the annual convention of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association, which will be in session here May 24 and 25, and a national conference on bankruptcy on Friday. At the latter meeting Governor Eyer, of Tennessee, and Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway, will be among the speakers.



NO PARADOX.
The pretty girl—ah, bless her eyes! Does not pretend to advertise. Her modest gaze, her aspect meek. The public eye seem not to seek. And yet—yes! Why is it so?
She never seems to look a second.

DECLARES STATEMENT BY ROOSEVELT FALSE

Illinois Staats Zeitung Denies Backing Pacifist Movement to Keep United States Impotent.

NOT FOR GERMAN SYSTEM

Newspaper Says It Preaches a Sane and Moderate Military Preparedness and More Thorough Educational and Physical Training.

CHICAGO, May 21.—The Illinois Staats Zeitung publishes the following in reply to the reference to that paper made by Theodore Roosevelt in his speech at Detroit on May 19:

"The Illinois Staats Zeitung was attacked by Theodore Roosevelt in his speech on May 19, 1916, in Detroit, Mich., as printed in several New York City newspapers, in the following words: 'One of the great German newspapers—I cannot call it a German-American newspaper—the Illinois Staats Zeitung, has been engaged in active propaganda on behalf of both German militarism and American pacifism. It applauds and advocates Germany's embarking upon a career of military strength unconditioned by any consideration, and at the same time backs the movement of the extreme pacifists to keep the United States impotent for self-defense.'"

"That is false! Even at the risk of being condemned to membership in the Roosevelt Annapolis Club of 1911, we must contradict the honorable ex-President of the United States.

"The Illinois Staats Zeitung never endorsed any policy that tended to keep the United States impotent for self-defense. It is a vile falsehood if the Colonel really said that the Illinois Staats Zeitung backs any movement for that purpose. We print in the American (and Judge Landis, of Chicago, is our authority for calling our language the American instead of English) language every Sunday the principles of the Illinois Staats Zeitung. One of the planks in that platform of principles is the 'nationalizing of the manufacture of arms and ammunition.'"

"Perhaps the Colonel sees in that principle the 'move' to keep our country impotent. We do not see it. We see it the move to save our taxpayers millions of graft from the greed, rapacious and dishonest ammunition sellers.

EXPLAINS ITS POSITION AS TO PREPAREDNESS

"We have repeatedly stated editorially, in both the American and German languages, that we are for preparedness, and we explain what sort of preparedness we favor. If the Colonel sees a move to keep our country impotent against defense in every form of preparedness except the Roosevelt brand, then we beg to express our satisfaction at being 'with' some of his opponents, rather than 'with' him. We favor the Swiss and Australian system of military service. We favor 'preparedness' in the public schools, by means of textbooks written exclusively by American-born citizens upon history and geography, by teaching more of European history and less of English history, by 'preparing' the bodies of our young people through exercises in turning and swimming; by compelling every public school student to learn one European language in addition to the American; by developing an American encyclopedia as our reference work in place of the 'Encyclopedia Britannica,' which hardly mentions our 'Declaration of Independence'; by nationalizing the manufacture of arms and ammunition for use of our government; by inculcating stronger love for our government by means of laws that would benefit the poorer, rather than the richer classes, so-called socializing laws; by compulsory military service for each physically fit male; and compulsory physical training for each physically fit woman, each for a short period during high school and preparatory school courses; by government subsidy given to universities and colleges that will graduate officers for our army and for our navy under United States regulation and control.

"We don't know what a 'German' newspaper printed in the United States looks like. We publish an American newspaper in Chicago; it is printed partly in the German and partly in the American language. We don't know what Mr. Roosevelt means by a 'German' propaganda. We know that we have no connection with the German government, nor with any foreign government, but that we are independent in finances as well as in politics and, therefore, dare to answer Mr. Roosevelt's attack in a fearless and truthful manner.

"To be sure, we praise the German people for their military preparedness. Without it, there would be no Germany to-day. The proof of the pudding is in the eating of it."

"But we do not advocate the German military system for the United States—at least not now. Were Canada inhabited by double the number of the people in the United States—Russia possesses twice the population of Germany—and Mexico by two-thirds the population we have—France bears that ratio to Germany—and were both Canada and Mexico arming, exercising and training soldiers and marines in ever-increasing proportions; then we would favor a stronger militaristic policy than Canada plus Mexico had adopted.

"If there is any 'moral treason' or any other kind of 'treason' in these doctrines then we are guilty, otherwise not. Roosevelt requires a kind of 'preparedness' that requires an extraordinary 'propaganda' to keep it from being forgotten by our people, for they want naught of a military oligarchy. We modestly preach a sane, moderate, military preparedness and a more thorough educational and physical preparedness."

Lynchburg Gets Meeting.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., May 21.—An annual meeting of the Daughters of Liberty of Virginia will be held here on Tuesday and Wednesday, although the State Council was to have met in New-Port News. Lack of hotel accommodations in that city caused the change recently, and the local Council, only recently organized, asked for and secured the meeting.

MRS. VERNON CASTLE BACK FROM HER TRIP TO EUROPE

Gains Fresh Triumphs in England, Where She Dances Before King and Queen.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, May 21.—Mrs. Vernon Castle arrived here to-day on the American liner St. Louis, fresh from new triumphs in England, where she danced before the King and Queen.

Mrs. Castle went to England to visit her husband, who is now in the British Royal Flying Corps.

As she stepped from the gangway Mrs. Castle carried in her arms Rustus, her pet monkey. Rustus was lavishly attired, and wore a Union Jack in his little sailor hat.

"Vernon looks perfectly lovely in his uniform," she said. "He has got his wings already, and has been assigned to a scouting division. He expects to go to the front in a week."

"When we arrive at the other side I was very much surprised to get a royal command to appear before the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace."

Mrs. Castle knew all about the arrangements, but had not said anything to her husband, because he wanted it to be a surprise.

"I then went with him to Unwoven, I went to make a flight with him, but it was against the rules. I saw him fly though."

Mrs. Castle had a large wardrobe with her, contained in many trunks. There was also an extra trunk for the clothes of Rustus.

Willard D. Straight, of J. P. Morgan & Co., also arrived on the St. Louis. He said he had been abroad on a business trip, but declined to discuss the nature of his business.

Among the other passengers were Frederick W. Whiteridge, R. C. Coy. William Ackworth, a prominent British railroad man, and Sir John Elliott and Martin Van Buren, grandson of President Van Buren.

LAWYER KILLS SHERIFF

Murder in Georgia Results From Protest Against Rough Handling of Negro Prisoner.

ELBERTON, GA., May 21.—Sheriff H. N. Bailey, of Elbert County, was shot and killed in the courthouse here to-day by Arnold Worley, a well-known attorney of this city. Citizens were greatly excited, and Worley was sent to the State Prison as a precaution. It is said that Worley charged Bailey with being unduly rough with a negro prisoner, and that the killing was the result.

DEATHS IN VIRGINIA

Mrs. J. Ashton Kelley, wife of J. Ashton Kelley, died at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning at her home, 629 North Main Street, of pneumonia.

Long illness. She leaves, besides her husband, one daughter and one son, Miss Ethna and Gordon C. Kelley. The funeral services will be conducted at her home at 1 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Interment will be in Hollywood Cemetery.

Miss Elizabeth B. Norwood. The funeral of Miss Elizabeth Blount Norwood, who died on Saturday evening at 6:30 o'clock, will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Miss Norwood, who was a daughter of the late Rev. William Norwood, for many years rector of St. Paul's Church, had been ill in bed for several years. Prior to that time she had been an active part in the work of St. Paul's. She leaves two brothers, Rev. John Norwood and Thomas Norwood, and three sisters, Mrs. Mordca, Miss Rebecca H. and Miss Mary L. Norwood.

B. F. Stevens. MARTINSVILLE, VA., May 21.—B. F. Stevens, one of Martinsville's widely known citizens, died at the home of his son-in-law, Colonel Panning Rucker, at 5 o'clock this morning. Mr. Stevens was about seventy-eight years old, and had been ill for four months. He was a native of Illinois, and began his business career at a young age, moving to Martinsville, Mo., where he took part in the formation and building up of the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company, and where most of his active life was spent. Mr. Stevens moved to Martinsville about fifteen years ago, and since that time had taken an active and earnest part in the business and agricultural life of this community. He is survived by his wife, and on daughter, Mrs. Rucker, of Martinsville. The funeral will take place here to-morrow afternoon.

Mrs. R. H. Russell. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., May 21.—Mrs. R. H. Russell, sixty years old, died at her home at Flat Creek on Saturday. She was a member of Spring Hill Church, and is survived by her husband and the following children: Misses Annie K., Mary E., Lollie and Sydney Russell.

C. E. Shackleton. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., May 21.—C. E. Shackleton, a local merchant of Brookneal, died at his home there on Thursday, after a short illness. He was thirty-four years old, and until ten years ago lived at Meherrin. He is survived by his wife and one son.

James Rice. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., May 21.—James Rice, the five-month-old son of E. T. Rice, died at his home here on Saturday.

Reuben V. Ponton. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., May 21.—Reuben V. Ponton, aged thirty-five years, died on Saturday evening at the Lynchburg hospital, where he had been for some time. He was a native of Campbell, and is survived by his wife.

Miss Nellie Battelle. FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 21.—Miss Nellie Battelle, of Caroline County, died on Thursday at a hospital in Richmond. She had been taken there for treatment. She is survived by one brother and two sisters. The body was taken to her home in Caroline for interment in the family burying ground.

Robert L. Shaver. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SALISBURY, N. C., May 21.—Robert L. Shaver, aged sixty-three years, died to-day. He leaves a wife and six children. He was a native of Salisbury, and for many years was an active business man here. He was the oldest steward of the First Methodist congregation, his stewardship dating from 1885. The funeral will be held from the church on Tuesday afternoon.

DEATHS

FRANKLIN, Va., May 21, 1916.
7:15 P. M., at the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. W. A. Walker, Brentry's Bluff, VA., Mrs. MELVINA P. FRANKLIN, in the seventy-ninth year of her age. The deceased is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Theodore M. Walker, and the following grandchildren: Mrs. Percy R. Taylor, formerly of Richmond; Mrs. L. L. Nottingham, Norfolk, Va.; George M. Thomas, Lynchburg and Harold B. Walker, of Drews, Va.

PRESBYTERIANS HONOR AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Celebration of Centennial Feature of Sunday's Session of Southern General Assembly.

DR. M. B. PORTER IN CHARGE

Chairman of Assembly's Permanent Committee and Secretary of South Atlantic Agency Directs Exercises Held at Orlando.

ORLANDO, FLA., May 21.—The outstanding feature of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church for to-day was the celebration of the centennial of the American Bible Society this evening. The exercises of the evening were conducted under the direction of Rev. M. B. Porter, D. D., of Richmond, chairman of the assembly's permanent committee on the Bible cause, and also secretary of the South Atlantic agency of the American Bible Society. The month of May is being observed as centennial month in honor of the 100 years' record of the American Bible Society, and the following historical facts of the society were emphasized in the celebration which the assembly held this evening:

With a record established which shows that during the time since its organization it has carried on its work on five continents, on the islands of seven seas, in more than 150 languages, through nine home agencies and twelve foreign agencies by nine main printing centers and more than 1,500 distributors and having issued more than 115,000,000 volumes of Scripture, the American Bible Society has closed the first century of its existence.

The first article in the original constitution of the society expresses well the object of this great organization. This article reads as follows: "This society shall be known by the name of the American Bible Society, of which the sole object shall be to encourage a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment. The only copies in the English language to be circulated by the society shall be of the version now in common use."

THE WHOLE BIBLE FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

Its century of unretarded growth and usefulness has given proof many times over justifying the organization of this agency of Christianity, the endeavor of which is, "With the help of others, to give the whole world the whole Bible. For savage tribes that have no written language it invents an alphabet and makes a written language, so that they may have the Bible in their own tongue. For those possessing a written language, the Scriptures are translated into that tongue. Translations are revised, some of them many times, and new editions are constantly published. By the co-operation of all Bible societies and various other agencies, the Bible has been translated and printed, in whole or in part, in over 700 languages and dialects. It is now available for three-fourths of the peoples of the world in their own tongues." During the year 1914-15 alone there were distributed through this agency 2,426,418 copies of Scripture at home and 3,979,905 copies abroad, a total of 6,406,323 copies, which was an increase of 1,155,147 over the number of copies distributed the year previous. The total expenses of the society the past year were \$764,000, this having been met by contributions from individuals and churches of every belief.

That the American Bible Society is "the servant of all" is shown by the following words: "For 100 years, now, the American Bible Society has shown to the world that a society which belongs to no single denomination may yet do the common task of all with great efficiency and a saving of money, time and labor. The society freely renders Bible service to all. When grants-in-aid are requested no discrimination is made on account of religious affiliation. The one question is, 'What is the need?'"

The South Atlantic agency of the society includes the States of Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.



THE FAIR SUBMARINE.
Does she dissolve in tears?
Yes, but she watches her husband through a periscope.

How to Heal Skin-Diseases

A Baltimore doctor suggests this simple, but reliable and inexpensive, home treatment for people suffering with eczema, ringworm, rashes and similar itching, burning skin trouble.

At any reliable drugstore get a jar of Resinol Ointment and a cake of Resinol Soap. These are not at all expensive. With the Resinol Soap and warm water bath the affected parts thoroughly, until they are free from crusts and the skin is softened. Dry very gently, sprin on a thin layer of the Resinol Ointment, and cover with a light bandage—if necessary to protect the clothing. This should be done twice a day. Usually the distressing itching and burning stop with the first treatment, and the skin soon becomes clear and healthy again. Sample free, Dept. 44-2, Resinol, Baltimore, Md.

May Reduce Postage for Local Letters

Pressure Being Applied on Post-Office Committees to Grant 1-Cent Rate.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, May 21.—Pressure is being applied to the post-office committees of Congress for a favorable report upon the pending bill providing for a reduction of the postage rate on local-delivery letters from 2 cents to 1 cent, and it now seems that such legislation will be given consideration before the session ends.

Chairman Moon, of the House committee, in discussing the widespread campaign in behalf of cheaper postage for "drop" letters, says that "hundreds of thousands of letters have been received by his committee, and in the last five or six years petitions bearing the names of probably 3,000,000 voters in the United States, urging 1-cent postage, have been filed in the House."

The Senate a joint resolution offered by Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, is pending, authorizing the Postmaster-General to ascertain, by experiment, the effect of 1-cent local-delivery letters would have on the postal receipts, and upon the volume of first-class mail matter. If this resolution is adopted, one or two typical cities will be chosen for the experiment, and for a given period 1 cent rates will be in effect in those communities.

Under the direction of Dr. Porter, the past year 116,320 copies of Scripture were distributed in this agency territory, an increase of 21,987 copies over the number distributed the year before. There were nineteen voluntary workers and fifty-three paid volunteers engaged in the distribution of the Scripture in this territory during the year, and the volumes distributed were issued in English and in thirty-one other languages.

During the year 1914 the combined output by Bible societies and publishing houses amounted to 32,000,000 copies of Scripture, or more than one volume for every second of the day and night in the year. The American Bible Society issued during that year the largest number of copies of Scripture in its history and the consensus of opinion as expressed by those in closest touch with Bible distribution is that the whole world never was so hungry for the Word of God as at this time, and never was so open for its distribution.

The General Assembly, which yesterday voted that women should not occupy pulpits in the South, to-morrow will take up the question of whether the office of deaconess shall be created. Should this be decided favorably it will be necessary to outline the work of deaconess, as this church never has recognized that office.

The matter will come before the assembly in the form of two reports from the committee appointed last year to study the entire question of woman's position in the church. The majority reported in favor of continuing